## In the Claims:

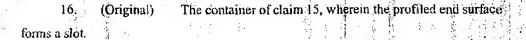
Please amend claims 1, 14, 27, and 28 as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A container for product, comprising: a container body defining a space for storage of the product, a valve in fluid communication with the space; and
- a hollow stem in fluid communication with the valve and having a tapered outside surface extending to a reduced diameter tip terminating in an exterior end that has at least one side opening therethrough wherein the valve is actuable to dispense product through the side opening.
- 2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the exterior end includes a profiled end surface that defines the at least one side opening.
- 3. (Original) The container of claim 2, wherein the profiled end surface forms a slot.
- 4. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein the slot defines first and second side openings.
- 5. (Original) The container of claim 4, wherein each of the first and second side openings is defined by a base surface and a pair of side surfaces.
- 6. (Original) The container of claim 5, wherein the side surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the base surface.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 6, wherein the side surfaces are disposed at angles other than 90 degrees with respect to the base surface.

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- 17. (Original) The container of claim 16, wherein the slot defines first and second side openings.
- 18. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein each of the first and second side openings is defined by a base surface and a pair of side surfaces.
- 19. (Original) The container of claim 18, wherein the side surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the base surface
- 20. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 19, wherein the side surfaces are disposed at angles other than 90 degrees with respect to the base surface.
- 21. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a crenellated section.
- 22 (Withdrawn) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a zig-zag section.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a sinusoidal section.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 14, wherein the at least one side opening is defined by at least one wall substantially completely surrounding the opening.
- 25 (Withdrawn) The container of claim 24, wherein the at least one-side opening is circular in shape.



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